

REMARKS

In accordance with the following, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-34, 37-40, 76-77, and 79-80 are pending. Claims 14, 20, 37, 40, 76-77, and 79-80 are the independent claims. Claims 1-13, 35-36, 41-75, 78, and 81-82 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 14-34, 76 and 77 are allowed.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 4-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 4-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and the rejection with respect to these claims is now believed moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 12-13 AND 75 UNDER 35 USC §103

Claims 1-3, 12-13 and 75 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over Roth, US Patent No. 6,002,718 in view of Keirn et al., US Patent No. 6,177,890. Applicants respectfully submit that because all of these claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In the Office Action at page 3, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. In FIG. 4 a misspelling was corrected. The element "USIGN" was corrected to --USING-- as suggested by the Examiner. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.